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(SBU) Post delivered points in reftel at OOB December 7, 2009 to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Director for U.S. and Canadian Affairs Adriana Maldonado. We received an e-mail response from Maldonado saying Colombia would continue to abstain on the resolution. She mentioned that while the Government of Colombia (GOC) shared many of the U.S. concerns, Colombia wanted to continue a consistent vote on the resolution for which they had abstained in the UNGA third committee. Still, she did mention the GOC would consider the points expressed by the USG for future General Assembly sessions.  
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